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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: REAL ESTATE COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Second Floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: April 11, 2019

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nikki Lane, Professional Member, **Chairperson** Lynette Scott, Professional Member Nora Martin, Professional Member Jason Giles, Professional Member Randy Marvel, Professional Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Alison Warren, Administrative Assistant III

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Andy Taylor, Esquire Bobbie Slagle

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lane called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The subcommittee reviewed the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Scott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Giles, to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Discussion to Update Regulations:

The commission subcommittee discussed and reviewed the regulation recommendations from the DAR report listed below:

- 1. To require a copy of an agreement be given to a party when he/she signs it.
  - 8.4 Copy of Agreements
  - 8.4.1 Every party to a listing agreement, agreement of sale, written buyer agency agreement, cooperation agreement between a Broker and Auctioneer or lease shall be furnished with a copy when the party signs or

<u>initials it and an fully</u> executed copy of such agreement or agreements <u>after all parties have signed it</u>. It shall be the responsibility of the Licensee to deliver <u>an the fully</u> executed copy of the agreements to the principals within a reasonable length if time after execution <u>by all parties</u>. <u>Copies may be in paper or electronic format</u>. The subcommittee agreed with the recommendation.

- 2. To allow investigation of irregularities in the operating account of broker
  - 6.0 Escrow Accounts and Other Accounts (24 Del.C. §2023 and 24 Del.C §2912(a)(4)
  - 6.6 The business operating accounts of the Broker and Brokerage Organization shall be subjects to investigation by the Commission for alleged irregularities that may adversely impact the public or Licensees.

It was discussed that this is already addressed in §2923(e)

- 3. To allow broker to pay commission money to a retired/decreased licensee.
  - 8.7 Compensation and Inducements (24Del C §2930)
  - 8.7.1. Licensees cannot use commissions or income received from commission as rebates or compensation paid to or given to non-licensed persons, partnerships or corporations as inducements to do or secure business, or as finder's fee, unless those fees are paid pursuant to a written cooperation of affiliation agreement signed by all parties as permitted under this Chapter. A Broker is permitted to pay compensation to a retired or terminated Licensee which was earned while the Licensee had an active license. A Broker is permitted to pay compensation to the estate of a deceased Licensee which was earned while the Licensee had an active license.

The committee is in agreement with the recommendation.

## Topics for next meeting

- Rental Properties Agent vs. Assistant Mr. Taylor will bring suggested wording to next month's meeting.
- Continuing Education Flexibility Mr. Taylor will work with the Education Committee and bring back wording and recommendations.
- Commercial Real Estate Mr. Taylor will be work with the Education Committee and bring back wording and recommendations.
- Comparison of the State of Delaware Banking Commission regulations for titling bank accounts with the Real Estate Commission requirements.
- Review Joint Sunset Committee reports

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, DE

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission. Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Marvel to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Warren
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Administrative Assistant III

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed.

They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.					

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